

MAYS RETURNS AND BLANKS THE TIGERS

Submarine Twirler Greeted with Applause as He Reappears on the Mound.

YANKS HAVE EASY TIME

Homers by Pratt and Ward Lead Barrage Against Detroit Pitchers —Score Is 10 to 0.

Carl Mays returned to the pitching peak yesterday for the first time since he figured in the unfortunate accident resulting in the death of Ray Chapman a week ago, and he registered a shutout victory over the Detroit Tigers at the Polo Grounds. Brilliant defensive work by his supporting cast, coupled with the timely hitting of Del Pratt, made the game easy for the underhand pitcher. He was reached for ten hits besides yielding three passes. The score was 10 to 0.

If there remained any doubt in Mays's mind as to the feelings of the fans concerning the accident this must have been dispelled by the reception he received. About 4,000 persons were in the stand when Mays made his way to the New York dugout before the game. It was the first time he had been near the bench since the day of Chapman's injury and the crowd took occasion to express encouragement by means of applause. This was renewed when Mays went out to warm up, when he was announced as the New York pitcher and again when he went to the box.

It was an odd shutout that went to the credit of the underhand pitcher. He did some very effective work with runners on the bases, but he was anything except a puzzle at other times. In seven of the nine innings a Detroit base runner got around to second or third base and in only two innings was Mays able to retire the side in order. He did not strike out a batsman during the game and among the ten hits which he yielded was a triple. In the seventh inning the Tigers got three hits and in the ninth they bunched two. With all this hitting and three passes they were unable to score a run. It was the most peculiar shutout uncovered at the Polo Grounds this season, being entirely devoid of the features usually associated with runless games.

Freak Play Spills Run.

Even a freak play served to keep the Tigers from scoring. With first and second bases occupied in the seventh inning and two out, Cobb connected for a solid smash to the right-field wall. There wasn't a chance of Ruth stopping Young from scoring with a throw to the plate and Pep knew it. Ty turned first base at top speed and Young turned third at the usual gait of a base runner who feels there is no bar to his progress plateward. Just as Young was about to dent the plate with his spikes Cobb was called out at second on Ruth's fine throw to Pratt and Umpire Nallin ruled that the inning had closed before Young's foot came in contact with the plate.

Pratt gave the best exhibition of timely hitting shown this year at the Harlem meadow and his performance probably stands as the best of the year in the major leagues. He drove in seven of New York's ten runs and he played a part in the scoring of two others, though he cannot be credited with chasing them over. The only run of the game in which Pratt did not play a part was the home run by Ward into the left field bleachers in the fourth inning. Pratt started the Yanks on their way to victory in the first inning by hitting into the left field bleachers with two runners aboard and each of his three subsequent hits drove one or more runners home.

Two fine throws by Babe Ruth helped in the taming of the Tigers. In the first inning Bush attempted to go from first to third on Cobb's single to right, but Babe's throw to Ward was so sharp and accurate that the play wasn't close. In the seventh Ruth caught Cobb at second with another great throw and on two other occasions his returns to second base turned back ambitious base runners who had designs of getting an extra base on drives to right.

The entire Yankee team did strong defensive work behind Mays, with Peck and Pratt leading in the activity. The Yanks went through the game without an error. It was one of those games in which the team hit well, fielded brilliantly and got good pitching in the pinches. Such co-ordination has been infrequent in Yankee games of late.

Pratt Drives Out Homer.

After Ruth's throw to Ward had cut down an incipient Detroit run in the first inning the Yanks got busy with Dutch Leonard. With Peck out of the way on a foul, Pipp singled to centre and Ruth drew a pass, the first of three which he collected during the afternoon. A wild pitch advanced both runners, but that was hardly necessary, as Pratt immediately poled a home run into the left-field bleachers and three runs drifted over the plate.

In the third inning Pipp got another single off Leonard and Shorten made the hit good for two cushions by a fumble. Everybody expected that Ruth would get another pass, but Leonard pitched to Babe and struck him out. Babe disturbed a lot of atmosphere with his futile swings. The strikeout brought Pratt to the scene and he responded with a double to left field, the ball taking a high bound over Jones's head. Pipp scored easily on the hit, but Pratt was left.

Ward started the fourth inning with a tremendously high fly to left field which finally settled in the left field seats, disturbing the foul line on its way down. This was the lone marker of the game which was scored without some aid from Pratt. Ruel followed Ward's homer with a single and Leonard gave way to Oldham.

Two more runs developed in the fifth inning and there was nothing like a hit to assist in their manufacture. Ruth drew a pass to start the inning and on a hit and run play Pratt grounded to Jones. The Detroit third baseman threw the ball past Hellman and Ruth raced all the way to the plate, Pratt stopping at second. Lewis advanced Pratt to third with a ground sacrifice and Bodie chased the run in with an aerial sacrifice to Cobb in deep centre.

Yankees Add Two More.

Oldham did some fancy pitching in the sixth inning, but he could not curb Pratt, and two more runs were added to the New York total. Mays opened with a pass, and then the Detroit side-

wheeler proceeded to set Peck and Pipp down on strikes. Ruth followed with his only hit of the game, a double to right field, and Mays stopped at third base. Pratt shot a single to centre, and the two runners scored.

In the seventh, with Morrisette pitching, the Yanks were retired in order, this being the one inning of the game in which they failed to get a runner aboard the cushions. In the eighth Pratt got his chance at the new pitcher, and another run developed. With two gone, Pipp and Ruth drew passes. Pratt singled to centre and Pipp scored, Ruth going to third. Pratt tried to reach second on the throw-in, but Jones shot the ball back to Young and retired Del.

The score:

NEW YORK (A).					DETROIT (A).				
	Ab	R	H	PoA		Ab	R	H	PoA
Peckin'gh,ss	3	0	0	7	Young,2b	5	0	1	2
Pipp,1b	4	3	2	14	Bush,ss	3	0	2	0
Ruth,rf	2	3	1	2	Pineill,ss	1	0	0	1
Pratt,2b	5	2	4	3	Cobb,cf	3	0	2	3
Lewis,lf	3	0	0	1	Veach,lf	4	0	1	0
Bodie,cf	3	0	0	3	Hellmann,1b	3	0	1	10
Ward,3b	3	1	1	2	Shorten,rf	4	0	0	2
Ruel,c	4	0	2	0	Jones,3b	4	0	1	3
Mays,p	3	1	0	3	Stanage,c	4	0	0	6
Total	32	10	10	27	Oldham,p	1	0	0	0
					aHale	1	0	1	0
					Norrisette,p	0	0	0	0
					bFlagstead	1	0	1	0
					Total	33	0	10	24

a Batted for Oldham in seventh inning.

b Batted for Morrisette in ninth inning.

Errors—Shorten, Jones.

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Two-base hits—Ruel, Pratt, Ruth. Three-base hit—Jones. Home runs—Pratt, Ward. Sacrifices—Lewis, Bodie. Left on bases—Detroit 11, New York 6. Bases on balls—Off Mays 3, Leonard 1, Oldham 3, Morrisette 2. Hits—Off Leonard 7 in 3 innings (none out in the fourth), Oldham 3 in 3, Morrisette 1 in 2. Struck out—By Leonard 2, Oldham 2, Morrisette 2. Wild pitches—Leonard, Oldham. Losing pitcher—Leonard. Umpires—Nallin and Connolly. Time—One hour and fifty minutes.